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1. SUMMARY: STRUCKA (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) SAID MAJORITY OF

CCD MEMBERS IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON QUESTION OF PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND THEIR DESTRUCTION, AND BLAMED US FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE OPPOSED VERIFICATION BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL BODY ON GROUNDS IT WOULD INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN STATES. HE CLAIMED NATIONAL MEANS OF CONTROL MET REQUIREMENTS OF VERIFICATION. AMB DI BERNARDO (ITALY) SUPPORTED CTB OBJECTIVE AND STATED READINESS EXAMINE ANY PROPOSALS THAT COULD FACILITATE CW NEGOTIATIONS. LIMITED MEASURES SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM WIDER AND MORE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF HALTING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND MOVING TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, SAYING THE JOINT US/SOVIET "AGREED PRINCIPLES FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS" STILL VALID. HE ADVOCATED A GLOBAL, INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, UTILIZING FORUM OF UN AND ITS APPROPRIATE ORGANS.

END SUMMARY.

2. STRUCKA (DEPUTY CZECH REP) NOTED THE NEARNESS OF ADJOURNMENT FOR CCD AND BLAMED US FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN ATTAINING PROHIBITIONS ON CW. HE CITED SIMILARITIES IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION TABLED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THEIR ALLIES LAST YEAR AND THE TEN-NATION NON-ALIGNED MEMORANDUM, CLAIMING MAJORITY OF CCD IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON PROHIBITION OF CW. HE OPPOSED PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTROL BODY ON GROUNDS IT COULD VIOLATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES. HE TOLD COMMITTEE THAT VERIFICATION SYSTEM, BASED ON NATIONAL CONTROL, SHOULD COVER THREE BASIC GROUPS OF CHEMICALS: THOSE EXCLUSIVELY MILITARY; THOSE WITH DUAL PURPOSE; AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-PROCESSED PRODUCTS WHICH ARE WIDELY USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES BUT COULD HAVE MILITARY USE. HE SAID THE SECOND GROUP COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE VERIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL BODY WITHOUT REVEALING INDUSTRIAL SECRETS.

3. STRUCKA LISTED THE MAIN CRITERIA TO BE OBSERVED IN CW VERIFICATION SYSTEM AS PROTECTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, MINIMUM COMPLEXITY, SPEED IN EXECUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES, LOW FINANCIAL COST, AND MINIMUM EXPENDITURE OF HUMAN RESOURCES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE ARGUED THAT STATES ALREADY HAVE NECESSARY MACHINERY TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVE CONTROLS. HE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL CONTROL BODIES COULD BE UNIFIED BY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPANDED COOPERATION AND OPPOSED THE CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL BODY AS PRESENTED IN THE NETHERLANDS WORKING PAPER (CCD/410) ON THE GROUNDS THAT BODY WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE STATE SUSPECTED OF VIOLATION AND THUS WOULD HAVE POWER OVER SOVEREIGN STATE.

4. DI BERNARDO WELCOMED SOVIET-AMERICAN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS BUT SAID ALL MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS ACHIEVE GENUINE DISARMAMENT. HE REPEATED SUPPORT FOR CTB OBJECTIVE AND SAID CLOSER COOPERATION IN FIELD OF SEISMOLOGY MIGHT BE DECISIVE IN LEADING TO ATTAINMENT CTB. HE SAID ITALIAN DEL, IN SPIRIT OF OPENMINDEDNESS, STANDS READY EXAMINE AND DISCUSS ANY PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS ON CW PROHIBITION. WHILE STATING THAT PARTIAL MEASURES MIGHT PAVE WAY TOWARDS FINAL GOAL, HE CALLED FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF ENTIRE RANGE OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES AND AN "INTERGRATION OF SEPARATE ISSUES INTO A WIDER WHOLE". HE CITED "UNIVERSALITY" IN ADVOCATING UN AND ITS APPROPRIATE ORGANS AS PROPER FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATING HALT IN NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND MOVING TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. HE SAID ANY MULTIPLICATION OF O
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